



Christ Accused by the Pharisees, Duccio di Buoninsegna

We warmly welcome all members and guests who are joining us for worship today. In the Christian calendar, we are currently observing the Season After Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. The season of Ordinary Time refers to the Sundays of the year that fall outside the periods of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The word “ordinary” refers to the ordinal numbers assigned to each Sunday as we count the weeks between the Church’s seasons. Ordinary Time can be understood as the living out of the Christian faith and the meaning of Christ’s resurrection in our day-to-day lives. The liturgical color for the season is green, representing the life and growth of the church and its ministry.

Worship care for preschool children and infants is offered in the children’s building during the worship hour. Large print hymn sheets and T-coil access are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE “Toccata in F Major” by Dietrich Buxtehude
 Vance Reese, Organ

GREETING & INVOCATION Will Arledge

INTROIT “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” by Mark Hayes

*HYMN 159 “Fairest Lord Jesus” ST. CATHERINE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Casey Callahan

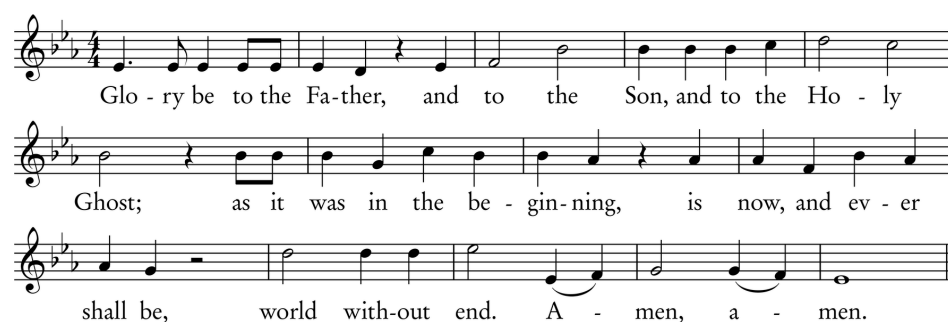
We believe in God,
 whose mighty works have been made known
 from generation to generation,
 who brings life from barren places
 and calls us to remember and proclaim the wonders of grace.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
 the Word who comes among us with divine authority,
 who calls us beyond words to faithful obedience,
 and who welcomes all who turn toward the way of righteousness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 who opens our hearts to truth,
 gives us courage to change,
 and empowers us to live what we profess.

We believe we are called to tell the coming generations
 of God’s power, love, and faithfulness,
 and to follow where God leads,
 in word and in deed. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father ” GREATOR EX



*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Amy Stertz

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“The Storm Is Passing Over”

arr. Barbara Baker

First Baptist Church Choir

(Offered in honor of the anniversary of Helene)

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

Stephanie Stroupe

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Communion of Courage”

Mack Dennis

RESPONDING

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paula Garrett

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

RESPONSE 436

“Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY

(Please remain seated to sing.)

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

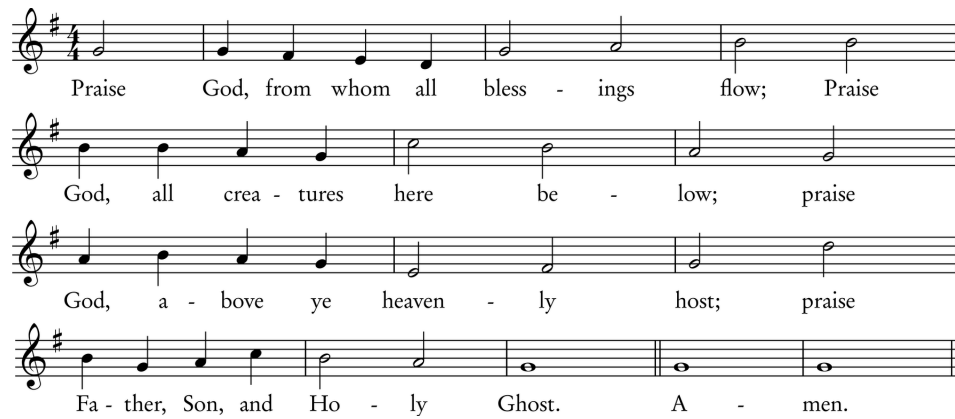
Elle Dennis & Sandra Frempong, *Crop Walk*

OFFERTORY

“Variations on *Wondrous Love*”

by Scott Green

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100TH



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Brett Baddorf

RECOGNITION OF LIFE DEACON - BOB BUSEY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 509

“Trust and Obey”

TRUST AND OBEY

CALL TO COMMUNITY

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Lead Me, Lord”

by Samuel S. Wesley

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

by Gaston Bélier

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The artwork featured on the cover of today’s order of worship is *Christ Accused by the Pharisees* by Duccio di Buoninsegna, ca. 1308-1311. Duccio di Buoninsegna (c. 1255–1260 – c. 1318–1319) was an Italian painter active in Siena, Tuscany in the 13th and 14th centuries. He was hired throughout his life to complete important works in government and religious buildings. Duccio's known works are on wood panel, painted in egg tempera and embellished with gold leaf.

The flowers in the baptistry are placed in loving memory of Rev. Joe David Fore, whose memorial service will be held today at 2:00 pm in our Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK

Cuba Interest Meeting

Today at 9:15 a.m.

CROP Walk Sign Up

Today at 9:15 a.m. &
Noon

Bible Study

Today at 9:45 a.m.

AYC Rehearsals

Today at
4:00 p.m. (Chorale)
4:30 p.m. (Concert
Choir)

Pick Up Basketball

Monday at 7:00 p.m.

FirstKids Open House

Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Night Activities

See schedule below

Free Market & Lunch

at the Crossroads

Thursday
at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

September 27, 2026

If you are a guest with us today, greetings! We joyfully proclaim the sacred worth of all people and welcome you with glad hearts. Please complete the "Connect with Us" card from your pew, and place it in the plate during the Offertory. We would love to connect with you.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Join FBCA members and the Asheville community for the annual CROP Walk to end hunger next Sunday at 2:30 p.m., beginning at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. 100% of donations go to world hunger, with 25% staying in Buncombe County to support ABCCM and Loving Food Resources. Sign up in the Atrium today and next Sunday, or register on-site the day of.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Brett Baddorf

PASTOR ON CALL

Kendra Plating

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. - Meal

5:40 p.m. - Junior Choir

6:00 p.m. - Adult Chapel Study

AgapeKids

Youth Koinonia

6:10 p.m. - Cherub Choir

7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir

Menu

Lasagna, Zucchini
Pie, Italian Green
Beans, Garlic Bread,
Caesar Salad, &
Dessert

Kids - Pizza

(\$7/adult, \$3/child &
youth, \$20/family max)



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GIVE
ONLINE

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Adult Chapel: Center for Faith and Life Fall Artist Series

Wednesday, September 30 * 6:00 p.m. * Chapel

David Gate is a poet, writer, and visual artist. David's work can be summed up as "A Rebellion of Care," highlighting the importance of looking after ourselves, our communities, and the earth, as radical acts in today's world.

Inaugural Ellington 4-Mile Run & Walk

Saturday, February 20, 2027

The inaugural Ellington 4-Mile Run & Walk invites us to engage with our city's history and innovation while fostering a vibrant, healthy community—and kicks off our Centennial celebration. Participants receive a T-shirt and medal for completing a 4.2-mile course that begins and ends in our parking lot and passes Douglas Ellington's iconic 1920s designs, Asheville City Hall, Asheville High School, and the S&W Building. Register this month for \$30; the fee increases to \$35 in October.

REGISTER



Open Table Bible Study

Sundays beginning October 4 * 9:45 a.m. *MB356

This new Bible study class, is a safe place for everyone – single, married, LGBTQ+, straight, questioning, longtime churchgoer, those who are just beginning to explore church and faith, or someone finding their way back to church. We'll gather around the day's sermon text, ask honest questions, share our perspectives, and explore Scripture together.

Thriving Congregations Assessment

Deadline Sunday, October 4

CBF's Thriving Congregations Assessment helps churches understand their health and vitality. We invite all FBCA members and regular attenders to complete this anonymous 20-minute survey.

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SURVEY



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